

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

LEO ERNEST MANZER

CASE NO.: CL2055 US DIV

SERIAL NO.: 10/396212

GROUP ART UNIT: 1626

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FILED: DECEMBER 3, 2003

EXAMINER: TSANG, REI SHIAO

(OF PARENT)

FOR: PRODUCTION OF 5-METHYL-N-ARYL-2-PYRROLIDONE AND 5-METHYL-N-CYCLOALKYL-2-PYRROLIDONE BY REDUCTIVE AMINATION OF LEVULINIC ACID WITH ARYL AMINES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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**Introductory Comments**

This is a preliminary amendment relating to the above captioned case. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments prior to the examination of this case.